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TAGS: ETEL, BE
SUBJECT: INTELSAT CONSIDERATION OF SHUTTLE AND ARIANE
LAUNCH VEHICLES

REF: STATE 6031

1. WE DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE ON JANUARY 13 TO
AMBASSADOR FERNAND FONTAINE, DIRECTOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DE BLEEKEN, MFA'S DIRECTOR
OF SPACE AFFAIRS. FONTAINE SAID HE AND GOB'S TECHNICAL
EXPERTS WOULD STUDY OUR POINTS AND GIVE THEIR REACTIONS--
IF ANY--TO OUR PRESENTATION PRIOR TO INTELSAT GOVERNING
BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY.
2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, DE BLEEKER TOLD US BELGIUM
HAD ACTED AS INTELSAT BOARD SPOKESMAN FOR THE BELGIUM/
HOLLAND/LUXEMBOURG GROUP FOR THE PAST YEAR AND THAT
BELGIUM WOULD PROBABLY BE SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP AT THE
FEBRUARY MEETING. ALTHOUGH WE OFFERED THE POSSIBILITY OF
A VISIT BY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IF THE BELGIANS
WISHED FURTHER AMPLIFICATION OF OUR POSITION, WE DOUBT
THAT THEY WILL TAKE US UP ON THE OFFER.

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3. WE RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF BELGIAN VIEWS ON THE
MERITS OF OUR ARGUMENTS, BUT GIVEN GOB MEMBERSHIP IN ESA
AND IMPORTANCE OF ARIANE PROJECT
IN OVERALL ESA BUDGET, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF
BELGIANS CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF ARIANE FOR LAST THREE
LAUNCHES IN SERIES V. CHAMBERS

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